***Above and Beyond presented by The Boeing Company***

**Your Missions Begins February 18 at the Witte**

**SAN ANTONIO** – Experience flight like never before on an unforgettable, interactive journey into air and space. Design and fly a supersonic jet. Pilot a drone into the eye of a hurricane. Spread your wings and experience flight like a bird. And take a ride to the edge of space with flying cars and supersonic planes. Space elevators and mega-rockets fill this inspiring exhibition about aerospace innovation and the future of travel. *Above and Beyond* takes you farther, faster and higher for a once in a lifetime adventure starting February 18 through May 7, 2017, in the Kathleen and Curtis Gunn Gallery.

Begin your mission at the “Beyond the Limits” theater to learn about the epic quest to challenge the limits of flight and the power of innovations to propel humans above and beyond every new horizon. Explore the challenges humans faced to overcome gravity and the breakthroughs made to get off the ground at “Spread Your Wings,” “Future Aircraft” and “Take Flight.” Encounter the ongoing pursuit of ever-faster flight at “Full Throttle” and “Shock Waves,” and then examine the challenges of high-altitude flight and the innovations that may soon make climbing into orbit easier at “Elevator to Space,” a simulated space elevator of the future. See how much farther, faster and more efficiently you can travel at “Marathon to Mars,” “Future Spacecraft” and “The Light Stuff.” End your mission with “Space Junk,” “RoboFlyers” and “Smart Skies” and uncover the smart technologies that result when flight and innovation unite.

“The Witte Museum is excited to host *Above and Beyond* during such an exciting time,” said Marise McDermott, President and CEO of the Witte Museum. “This exhibition offers an interactive opportunity to learn about aerospace technology and careers and comes at a time when the Witte is reaching new heights with the opening of the New Witte on March 4. It is the perfect complement to the wonderful transformation happening here.”

“Sparking an interest in the wonder of aerospace at an early age is a priority for Boeing, and the *Above and Beyond* exhibition provides future engineers, pilots or astronauts with an interactive glimpse into how they can achieve their dreams and inspires them to pursue careers in science and technology,” said Greg Hyslop, Boeing chief technology officer.

The Witte will offer public programs throughout the run of *Above and Beyond*. The Museum is proud to present a *Super STEM Weekend* on Saturday, February 18 from Noon – 4 p.m., and Sunday, February 19 from 1 – 5 p.m., as well as an adventure for guests 21 and over at *Cocktails and Culture: Lift Off!* on Wednesday, February 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information about Witte Museum programs, call 210.357.1910, visit [www.WitteMuseum.org](http://www.WitteMuseum.org) or http://aboveandbeyondexhibition.com/.

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**About the Witte Museum**

Founded in 1926, the Witte Museum is located on the banks of the San Antonio River in Brackenridge Park and is San Antonio’s premier museum promoting lifelong learning through innovative exhibition, programs and collections in natural history, science and South Texas heritage.

**About The Boeing Company**

Boeing is the world's largest aerospace company and leading manufacturer of commercial jetliners and defense, space and security systems. As America’s biggest manufacturing exporter, the company supports airlines and U.S. and allied government customers in more than 150 countries. Boeing products and tailored services include commercial and military aircraft, satellites, weapons, electronic and defense systems, launch systems, advanced information and communication systems, and performance-based logistics and training.

The Boeing Company’s San Antonio site operates one of the largest military aircraft Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facilities in the world. Under a lease from the Port of San Antonio, the Boeing San Antonio site has established itself as a high performance facility that has received national recognition for its achievements. The site was established in 1998 to provide an affordable, high-quality, short cycle time maintenance and modification center for large aircraft.